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1. As of 10 February 1955, VEB Mineraloelwerk Luetzkendorf and VEB Mineraloelwerk Herrenleite operated at only one-third of their production capacity due to the shortage of crude oil. This shortage was caused by the discontinuance of deliveries¹. 25X1
2. VEB Mineraloelwerk Herrenleite in late January 1955 received a sample of Soviet crude oil and tested it for its suitability as base material for the East German mineral oil industry. It turned out that the Russian crude oil contained sulphur in such amounts that it could not be used for the purpose considered.
3. Negotiations between the East German government and the Soviet Trade Delegation concerning the delivery of suitable crude oil from the USSR are still going on. If these negotiations are successful, it is planned to transport the Soviet oil by sea to either Rostock or Hamburg.

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